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SUBJECT: ICRC HOSPITAL FOR QUETTA

1. DEPARTMENT HAS LEARNED THAT ICRC PLANS TO OPEN A HOSPITAL TO TREAT WAR WOUNDED AFGHANS IN QUETTA. THIS FACILITY WILL BE A 40 BED UNIT SIMILAR TO THE LARGER HOSPITAL ICRC NOW HAS IN PESHAWAR. IT WILL INCLUDE A SURGICAL UNIT AND TWO MOBILE MEDICAL TEAMS FOR THE TRANSFER OF AFGHAN CASUALTIES FROM THE BORDER TO QUETTA. ACCORDING TO OUR INFORMATION, THE FIRST STAGE OF DEVELOPMENT IS SCHEDULED FOR COMPLETION BY MID-JUNE. ICRC IS REQUESTING FURTHER FUNDS FROM DONORS FOR THIS

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PROJECT WHICH THEY ESTIMATE WILL COST SF 1,871,724.

2. BASED ON OUR FAVORABLE IMPRESSION OF ICRC HOSPITAL IN PESHAWAR, DEPARTMENT IS PREPARED TO CONSIDER A CONTRIBUTION TO THE QUETTA PROJECT PROVIDED THE GOP AGREES TO ALLOW THE ICRC TO PROCEED. THIS CONTRIBUTION WOULD BE IN ADDITION TO THE \$700,000 DOLLAR CONTRIBUTION ALREADY PLEDGED AND THE ANTICIPATED CONTRIBUTION OF \$500,000 IN PAKISTANI RUPEES. WE WOULD PROBABLY BE

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PREPARED TO PLEDGE \$300,000 TO THE QUETTA PROJECT WHICH
WOULD BRING OUR TOTAL (DOLLAR PLUS RUPEE) CONTRIBUTION

TO ICRC'S PAKISTAN PROGRAM FOR FY 83 TO \$1.5 MILLION.

3. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO EVALUATE THIS PROJECT AND
MAKE RECOMMENDATION IF U.S. SHOULD CONTRIBUTE TO IT.
PLEASE ALSO ASCERTAIN IF ICRC HAS OBTAINED THE
CONCURRENCE OF THE GOP. REQUEST YOUR RESPONSE BY JUNE
6. (RP/NSE: 0544K) SHULTZ

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